## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nakanishi, et al. ) Group Art Unit Unknown )

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For : OPTICAL DIFFUSING PLATE, )
OPTICAL ELEMENT AND )

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

7. (New) The optical diffusing plate according to Claim 2, wherein the monomer unit (a) is represented by the following general formula (a) and the monomer unit (b) is represented by the following general formula (b):

General formula (a)

$$-\left(-CH_2-\frac{R^1}{CO_2}-(CH_2)_{\overline{a}}-O-\left(-\frac{R^2}{CO_2}-R^2\right)_{\overline{b}}-R^2$$

wherein, R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen atom or methyl group, a represents a positive integer of 1 to 6, X<sup>1</sup> represents -CO<sub>2</sub>-group or -OCO-group, R<sup>2</sup> represents cyano group, alkoxy